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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

We have completed our review of the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization's (TMPO) 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated August 25, 2005, to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for approval into California's 2005-2007 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). California's 2005-2007 FSTIP was approved by the FHWA and the FTA by our letter dated October 4, 2004.

The TMPO board adopted the 2004 FTIP by Resolution No. 2004-39 on November 17, 2004. The TMPO staff revised the FTIP in response to comments from partner agencies and resubmitted it to the Nevada and California Departments of Transportation on August 8, 2005. Additionally, FHWA and FTA issued a conformity determination on the TMPO 2004 FTIP and Regional Transportation Plan on September 9, 2005.

We accept these modifications to the 2005-2007 FSTIP for the Lake Tahoe region in accordance with the federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations [23 CFR 450]. We find that the Tahoe 2004 FTIP is financially constrained and was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 USC 134 and 49 USC Chapter 53. This approval is provided with the understanding that FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.



If you have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for the TMPO 2004 FTIP, please contact Mayela Sosa of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5022, or Ted Matley of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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